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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM SITUATION REACHES CRISIS STAGE - SITREP 2

REF: KHARTOUM 3201

1. MAJOR WASHOUT ON PORT SUDAN-ATBARA RAILROAD LINE HAS DISRUPTED DELIVERIES OF AVIATION AND AUTOMOTIVE FUELS TO KHARTOUM. STOCKS OF JET FUEL WILL BE EXHAUSTED TODAY (JULY 26) AND BOTH DIESEL AND GASOLINE STOCKS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO LAST MORE THAN TWO TO THREE DAYS. AVGAS SUPPLIES HAVE ALSO DWINDLED RAPIDLY AS A NUMBER OF RESCUE MISSIONS HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN DURING AND AFTER RECENT FLOODING IN GEZIRA PROVINCE.

2. PETROLEUM ADM OFFICIALS HOPE THAT DELIVERIES WILL RESUME IN 2-3 DAYS, BUT OTHER SOURCES EXPECT A DELAY OF 5 TO 6 DAYS. AS THINGS GO HERE, HIGHER ESTIMATE IS CERTAINLY THE MORE LIKELY. EVEN WHEN DELIVERIES RESUME, DEMAND BACKING WILL EXHAUST SUPPLIES AS FAST AS THEY ARRIVE.

3. FUEL SHORTAGE IN KHARTOUM IS ALREADY JEOPARDIZING GOS
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EFFORTS TO MOVE FOOD, FUEL, AND OTHER SUPPLIES TO THE SOUTH, WHERE ANNUAL RAINY-SEASON SHORTAGES ARE BEING FELT. C-130'S HAVE REPORTEDLY BEEN LOADED FOR TRIPS TO JUBA, BUT HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FLY DUE TO LACK OF JET FUEL.
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